F.A.O. study on diminishing trends in agriculture

559. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the F.A.O. study, agriculture production in India is showing diminishing trends; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to check this trend ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) As per the F.A.O. there is no indication available to F.A.O. that at present agricultural production in India is showing a diminishing trend.

(b) Does not arise.

Funds for Slum Development Programme in Delhi

560. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that work relating to the improvement of slums and development in various parts of Delhi under the 20-point programme is going slow because of non-availability of funds ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) the amount which has been released to the Director (S&JJ) Delhi Development Authority in the current financial year regarding the improvement of slum in Delhi and what is the target of finance; and

(d) the grant which has been sanctioned by Government of India for Delhi this year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The budget provisions and the amounts released for the two schemes for improvement of slum areas are as follows :—

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of the scheme	Budget provision	Amount released
(i) Environmental improvement in slum areas.	250·00	187·50
(ii) Structural improvement in Katras.	40·00	30·00
	290·00	217·50

(d) No grant has been sanctioned by the Government of India during the current financial year.